

ABSTRACT

A robot control apparatus with great safety is provided by detecting access of a teacher to a robot and automatically reducing the operating speed of the robot when the teacher accesses the robot. The robot control device equipped with a pendant (10) to be manipulated by a teacher, for controlling the operation of a robot on the basis of an operation command from the pendant (10), includes a detecting device (8) for detecting the position of the teacher; a signal processing unit (11) for receiving a signal from the detecting device to produce the position information of the teacher; and a limited speed selecting unit (12) for selecting the operating speed of the robot on the basis of the position information. The robot is controlled at the maximum speed set at the operating speed selected by the limited speed selecting unit (12) on the basis of the operation command from the pendant (10).